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International Day of the Girl

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 64/145 of 18 December 2009 and all relevant resolutions, including the agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women, in particular those relevant to the girl child,

Recalling all human rights and other instruments relevant to the rights of the child, in particular the girl child, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[1] the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[2] the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities[3] and the Optional Protocols thereto,[4]

Recognizing that despite progress in addressing all forms of discrimination and violence against girls and in the recognition of their rights, discrimination and violations of the human rights of girls still persist, and reiterating the need to intensify efforts in this regard,

Recognizing that the empowerment of girls is key in decreasing discrimination and violence and in promoting and protecting the full and effective enjoyment of their human rights, and further recognizing that empowering girls requires the active support and engagement of their parents, legal guardians, families, boys and men, as well as the wider community,

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.
[2] Ibid., vol. 1249, No. 20378.
[3] Resolution 61/106, annex I.
[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vols. 2171 and 2173, No. 27531; and ibid., vol. 2131, No. 20378; and resolution 61/106, annex II..

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1. *Decides* to designate 22 September as the International Day of the Girl, to be observed every year beginning in 2012;

2. *Invites* all Member States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as civil society, to observe the International Day of the Girl and to raise awareness of the situation of girls around the world;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and United Nations organizations.